

PROCLAMATION  
BY THE  
Governor of the State of Texas

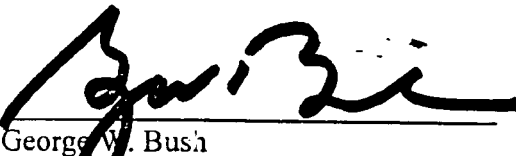
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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, George W. Bush, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove and veto Senate Bill No. 414 because of the following objections:

Senate Bill No. 414 contains several provisions that would permit a physician to deny life-sustaining procedures to a patient who desires them. Additionally, the Bill eliminates the objective negligence standard for reviewing whether a physician properly discontinued the use of life-sustaining procedures and replaces it with a subjective "good faith" standard. While this Bill contains a number of commendable measures that would streamline Texas' law on advanced directives, these benefits are outweighed by the Bill's potentially dangerous defects.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 20th day of June, 1997.

  
George W. Bush  
Governor of Texas